

Germany (Soviet Zone)

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TOPIC 1. Brueckenkopf Kaserne in Wittenberg

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2. Air Force Headquarters in Wittenberg

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REMARKS

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1. Between 15 and 17 March 1952, the Brueckenkopf Kaserne in Wittenberg was occupied by an estimated 500 men who wore blue epaulets. About 300 men from 18 to 20 years old practiced range estimation with field glasses and marching by compass under the command of 16 officers. The restricted area was fully occupied; only a few officers were quartered in the Brueckenkopf Kaserne. Nine covered biplanes were parked at the field during the period of observation.
2. About 4:15 p.m. on 21 March, about 20 trucks were observed on Ernst-Thaelmann-Strasse in Wittenberg. The trucks hauled about 400 air force soldiers with their baggage to the air force headquarters. All the houses were occupied to capacity, and the officers who previously lived in individual houses had to share their houses.
3. Between 17 and 29 March, the Brueckenkopf Kaserne was occupied by an estimated 200 soldiers who wore blue epaulets. During the morning, individual groups marched to Ernst-Thaelmann-Strasse and returned about noon. Up to three high-wing monoplanes and biplanes were parked behind the barracks installation at the field. Drinking water was hauled by water trucks since the water in the barracks buildings was not potable.

4. On two evenings between 22 and 31 March, the windows of all the living rooms of Brueckenkopf Kaserne were lighted. The number of men was estimated at 400. The soldiers belonged to the Soviet Air Force. On 27 and 28 March, motor vehicles were being repaired in the northern section of the barracks installation. On 31 March, ten trucks which were loaded with boxes, moved from one town toward the barracks installation. About 30 men wearing black-bordered blue epaulets were being trained with five 20-mm or 37-mm AA guns.

5. The alternate airfield in the Elbe River meadows in Wittenberg was flooded by the Elbe River.

25X1 \* Comment The report confirms that Wittenberg is still occupied by a fighter corps headquarters and subordinate units.

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